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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Akihiro HIKICHI et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1771
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Application No.: 09/901,722)	Examiner: N.L. Torres-Velazquez
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Filed: July 11, 2001)	Confirmation No.: 7732
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For: NON-ASBESTOS FRICTION MATERIAL)	

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Reply is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 7, 2005, and pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, the period for response having been extended by a request for extension of three (3) month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please reexamine and reconsider the application in view of the amendments and remarks as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper and begin one page 2.

Arguments/Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.